



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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December 11, 2012

Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Handbook 1109.05 Nutrition Therapy

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VHA Handbook 1109.05 cited above within the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
2nd Executive Vice President
National VA Council AFGE
29 Lake Street
Danville, IL 61832

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for your information is VHA Handbook 1109.05, Nutrition Therapy. A copy of VHA Handbook 1109.05, Specialized Nutritional Support dated May 10, 2007 is also enclosed.

This handbook provides guidance and procedures relating to nutrition therapy, including Oral Nutrition Supplements (ONS), Enteral Nutrition (EN), Parenteral Nutrition (PN), and the function of the Nutrition Support teams.

If you have any further questions, please contact Larry Bennett at larry.bennett3@va.gov or (202) 461-4126. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Ellen Bosley, MBA, MS, RD, National Director, Nutrition and Food Services at ellen.bosley@va.gov or (202) 391-9662.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie B. Wiggins
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Labor-Management Relations

Enclosures

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